(c) and *(d) ln view* of the fact that mulberry plantation can withstand low rainfall conditions and it has tremendous employment potential, it assumes special relevance in the prevailing drought conditions. The State Govts, of drought affected States have, therefore, been advised to take necessary items to provide relief to the sericulturists in the form of supply of inputs such as mulberry cuttings on subsidised rates, land development, and labour generating supportive infrastructure works, like construction of rearing houses, grain-ages, Chowki Rearing Centres etc.

Survey by States to Determine Extent of Child Labour

3343. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL;

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government have directed the State Governments to conduct survey to determine the extent of child labour in their respective States; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) Under the National Child Labour Policy ten areas of concentration of child labour have been identified for taking up projects to benefit child labour. The State Governments, jn which these areas fall, have been addressed to collect the relevant information.

(b) An illustrative questionnaire to elicit information on the number of child workers in the area, the kind of work done by them, the economic situation of their families, the education and health facilities available, the number of the families covered in the area under employment generating schemes etc. has been sent to the concerned State Governments.

Loans to Small Scale Industries units by Punjab National Bank

3344. SHRI M. A. BABY. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether i.t is a fact that Punjab National Bank on its loan Application Form No. PNB 756-5146/87 (25) for small scale industries requiring financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 25,000/- had printed terms and conditions that no margin is obtained and also no collateral security/third party guarantee be asked or taken under all PNB SSI Scheme upto Rs. 25,000/-, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Naraina, New Delhi Industries SSI Loan Branch of Punjab National has not even sanctioned a single loan under this scheme with the excuse that it has no knowledge about it nor has it received any such loan forms from PNB Regional/Zonal or Head Office during the last two years; and

(c) what action Chairman-cum-Managing Director of PNB has taken or propose to take to redress the hardships of the people under Naraina jurisdiction branch of PNB in the matter referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Punjab National Bank (PNB) has reported that the form prescribed by them for loans to Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units requiring financial assistance upto Rs- 25,000/- incorporate the following throe terms and conditions :

(i) No margin is obtained for credit facilities upto and inclusive of Rs. 25,000/-.

(ii) Security is confined to pledge/hypothecation/mortgage of assets created out of loan amount.

(iii) Collateral security/third party guarantee is not taken.

(b) Punjab National Bank has reported that its Naraina branch has sanctioned 18 cases with limits upto Rs. 25,000 to SSI Units aggregating to Rs. l.lo lakhs during the last 2 years and no collateral security/ margin was taken in these accounts.

(c) Ouestion does not arise.

National Equity Fund for small industrial sector

3315. SHRI M, A. BABY; Will the Mmister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Equity Fund administered by IDBI for small industrial sector has been formed and started functioning and if so what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the norms laid down for grant of equity fund and what is the maximum financial limit for small sector unit; and

(c) what are the details of the offices/branches which have started functioning at different places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) National Equity Fund (NEF) has been set up in the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in August 1987 for providing assistance in the form of soft loans towards equity to eligible entrepreneurs for setting up new projects and also for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units in the tiny and small scale sectors. The assistance under the Scheme would be channelised through nationalised banks. Under National Equity Fund Scheme, assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 75,000 per project at a service charge of 1 per cent per annum would be available to tiny and small-scale industrial units located/coming up in a village/town having population not exceeding 5 lacs and with project cost not exceeding Rs. 5 lacs. The soft loan for equity will be repayable over a maximum period of 7 years including an initial moratorium upto 3 years. Minimum promoters' contribution is 10 per cent of the project cost.

Seed capital assistance by Risk Capital Foundation' sponsored by IFCI

3346. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will -he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the parties which have been granted seed capital assistance, with amount, by 'Risk Capital Foundation' sponsored by IFCI since it was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the amount sanctioned, partywise;

(b) what are the adminisrative and technical difficulties the Foundation is having for not extending such facilities to small scale sector; and

(c) what is the Central Govern-ment'g reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has reported that specific seed capital schemes are implemented by financial institutions to meet the needs of small-scale and medium scale sectors. Under the 'Seed Capital Scheme' and the 'National Equity Fund Scheme, operated by Industrial Development Bank of India seed capital assistance is available, inter-alia, to small-scale units. The Risk Capital Foundation (RCF) provides interest-free loans to entrepreneurs possessing technical or profes-sional qualifications and/or having reasonaible/relative experience in industry or business for meeting a part of the promoters' contribution to the equity of medivrm scale projects generally with cost between Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 15 crores. RCF has sanctioned assistance of Rs. 1469.78 lakhs to 218 promoters of 130 projects upto the end of Nov. 1987. A statement showing the names of the assisted promoters, their projects together with location and the amount